



Youth Squad

- Alex Tapia - Calhoun County
- Tashayla Fields - Calhoun County
- Jala Gilmore - Hunter-Kinard-Tyler
- Javar Jamison - Branchville
- Zion Riley - Edisto
- Destiny Stroman - Edisto
- Yazmine Cobbs - Branchville
- Javon Robinson - High School for Health Professions
- Hannah Dantzler - High School for Health Professions
- Patrick Mack - North
- Patryce Mack - North



The Edisto Health Coalition's Youth Squad initiative is up and running. There have been 3 meetings averaging 8 students at each meeting. Activities have included values assessment, a special guest speaker from MADD who addressed underage drinking and driving, t-shirt project and community/school initiatives for PROM. Youth voted to conduct a #hashtag campaign for PROM. The top two youth receiving the most views/likes will receive Visa gift cards. Youth have also been invited to attend the 2017 Leading to Change Youth Leadership Day at Carowinds. The Youth Squad participants have received letters asking for official school permission to attend as it is on a Friday. Transportation and chaperones are being provided by the Tri-County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. At this point, there will be 6 youth participating in the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America Youth Leadership Academy from July 23-27, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia. Yes, we are still recruiting youth and our goal is to have every school represented. It's a great way for youth to earn community service hours. A special thanks to Cynthia Middleton for all her help with this youth initiative.

Participants from the SOLD OUT 2016 Carowinds Youth Leadership Day

2017 YOUTH LEADERSHIP DAY

TIME	ACTIVITY / LEARNING FOCUS
9:00am	Welcome & introductions
9:15am	The DIVERSITY of Leadership: Students will learn the value of finding both peer similarities and differences.
9:45am	The DECISIONS of Leadership: Students will learn the value of making accurate decisions in the moment.
10:15am	The VOICES of Leadership: Students will learn the value of standing up for their beliefs amidst peer pressures.
10:45am	The TOOLS of Leadership: Students will practice their increased skill sets in public speaking, problem solving, coping with drama and conflict, and working in multiple teams of diverse perspectives!
11:15am	The ROCKSTARS of Leadership: Students will showcase their presentation and team work skills in a final presentation.
11:30am	LUNCH and afternoon ticket distribution. Enjoy the park for the rest of your visit!



If you don't know what the items in the pictures below represent, then you should attend

TALL COP
High in Plain Sight: Current Alcohol, Drug, and Concealment Trends and Identifiers, March 24, 2017

Contact Kandie Goodwin @ kgoodwin@tccada.state.sc.us or 803-536-4900, ext. 138 for registration information.

BackFire is here! South Carolina's youth tobacco prevention campaign has dropped. Check out the website, the videos, the FREE materials, and the Nix the Nic contest (which closes April 5, 2017). Make a pledge to end dipping. Sing an original anti-smoking song. Just let your imagination run wild. There are two ways to enter the Nix the Nic contest: (1) as an individual or (2) as a school/community organization. Grand Prize for individuals is a \$500 scholarship, and there are plenty of runner-up prizes. Grand Prize for school/community organizations is a \$2,000 grant in scholarships split between up to five students, with runner-up prizes as well. Encourage your youth networks to check out BackFire and Nix the Nic today!



Recognizing that problems associated with underage drinking cannot be addressed by focusing solely on youth, the Tri-County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Brabham Oil Company and the Edisto Health Coalition will be increasing efforts to educate parents and other adults about the Out Of Their Hands statewide initiative during the month of April. Parents tend to dramatically underestimate teenage binge drinking and their own children's drinking in particular and, in some cases, parents enable and/or condone underage drinking. Nationally, 65 percent of teenagers report getting their alcohol from family and friends; and research proves that parents are the most influential person in their child's life and are the key to preventing underage drinking. The campaign emphasizes that providing alcohol to minors is against the law and that together we can keep it "Out Of Their Hands."

- **Something to be proud of:** Project Life Positeen \$4500 Tobacco Collaborative Grant
- **Something to be concerned about:** Yonder Fields - Outdoor Amphitheater near Bowman



NEXT COALITION MEETING
March 8th, 2017 @ 1:00 PM
Common Ground Café
Cornerstone Community Church